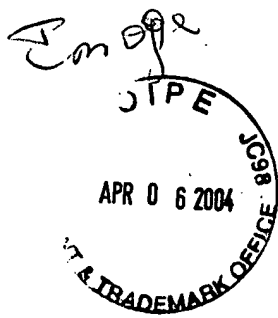


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For: SEQUENCES UPSTREAM OF THE)
CARP GENE, VECTORS)
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THEREOF)

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2003 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. The period for reply having been extended for two months by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, this reply is due by April 28, 2004, and is timely filed.

An Amendment to the Specification is on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include a supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney under 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(a), which is discussed on page 8 of this paper, and Exhibit 1 (pages from The American Heritage College Dictionary, Third Edition).